

State of the Schools Report

The preview window remains open until Friday, December 5th. Thanks to your reviews, we have identified a few issues. **The data in the Report has been updated as of today.**

We still have not addressed an identified display issue for Small Districts (districts with no groups of 30). The Report Card should be displaying your State Accountability ratings **also** as the Federal Accountability AYP Decision. This change has occurred at the school level but not at the district level yet.

The State of the Schools Report for preview will be found on the NDE portal (<http://portal.nde.state.ne.us>) under the tab marked "Data Collections" as "Student Performance Reporting System 2008 (STARS)". This preview window ends on December 5th. The State of the Schools Report will be released to the public on December 12th. If there are unresolved AYP appeals at that time (Dec. 12th), we will delay the release of the AYP decisions until later in December. (Any AYP Appeals must be submitted by December 5, 2008.)

The report card now includes the NCLB Qualified Teacher data. Please review your performance data, NCLB Qualified Teacher and AYP decisions carefully. Questions concerning NCLB Qualified Teacher data should be submitted to Sharon Katt (402-471-2405) or Adria Bace (402-471-2471)

Student Attendance Reporting

Attendance for **all** students (including preschool students) will need to be reported in the Student Summary Attendance template submitted during the June 30 2009 collection. A process should be in place now to ensure accurate and appropriate data is available when needed.

Repeat information from the previous bulletin –

NCLB Update

The NCLB Update – December 2008 will be broadcast on NET*SAT Channel 105 (ST CH 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday, December 9, 2008. The telecast will be no more than one hour. For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426.

The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast will be posted by December 5th on "Federal Programs - NCLB" on the NDE homepage under NCLB Updates at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/index.htm>

A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast. A video of the telecast can be downloaded at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/video.htm>

The agenda includes new interpretations of Title III requirements, information on time and effort reports for federally funded staff, and information for Title I Targeted Assistance Schools and Schoolwide programs.

Data Collections

The NCLB Update – December 2008 will be followed by a telecast on **Data Collections**. The agenda will include the new requirements for graduation rate calculations, race/ethnicity reporting changes, the new Suspensions/Expulsions report and information on Special Education's Discipline reports.

The telecast on Data Collections will begin at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time) on the same channels as listed above and will last no more than one hour. The powerpoint presentations used will be posted on the same homepage as well as the homepage for the Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS).

NSSRS

WRITING and ELDA Labels Verification Reports

The "Statewide Writing" verification report is now available in NSSRS Validation for districts to use between now and December 8th to ensure the correct students are appearing with the correct demographics and at the correct school for purposes of the Statewide Writing label extract. This report is similar in function to the "ELDA Labels" verification report districts use to verify information for the English Language Development Assessment label extract, which also has the December 8th deadline. You may notice that Migrant is not presently listed on this report as that data now comes from the MIS2000 migrant data system.

NOTE: Please make every effort to have the correct information for the ELDA labels. For the second year in a row, we are facing additional charges from the test company because test booklets have been labeled and not used. We acknowledge there will be some changes in students, etc., from the time of the extract until the testing occurs but this number should not exceed 10% of the total population to be tested and it is almost twice that this year!